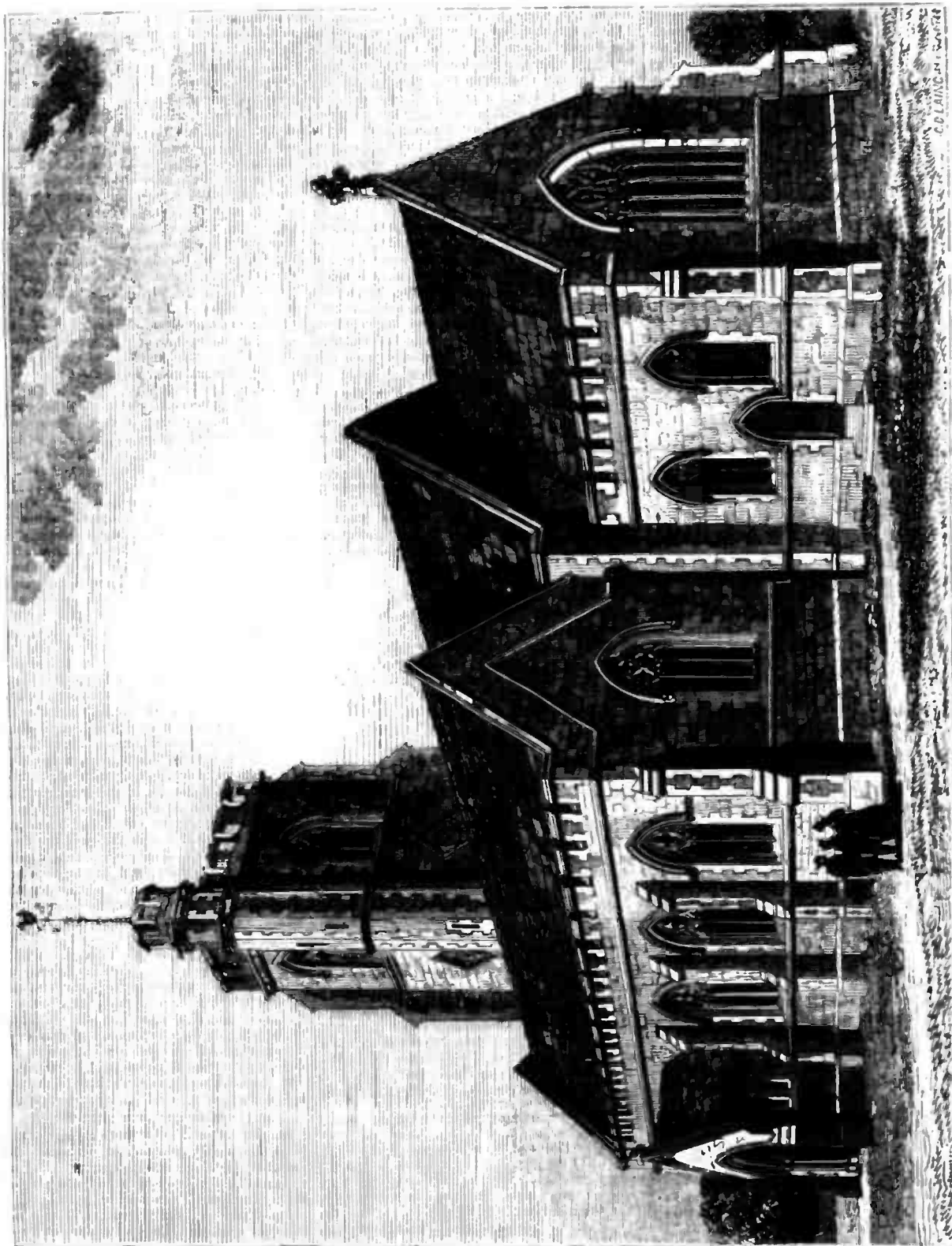


HOMERTON NEW CHURCH.—Mr. A. ASHPITEL, F.S.A., ARCHITECT.



NEW CHURCH AT HOMERTON.

THE need of additional churches having been very severely felt in the parish of HUCKNEY, the rector, the Rev. Archdeacon Watson, convened a meeting of some of the principal inhabitants in 1839. It was then resolved that two, and if possible three, additional churches be erected. Subscriptions were made, and aid from the Commissioners for Building Churches and from the Church Building Society were procured. The result was, that St. Philip's, at Dalston (Mr. Duesbury, architect), and St.

Jame's, at Clapton (Mr. Hakewill, architect) were built and consecrated in 1842. In these two places the support of the ministers might in part be derived from the pew rents; but it was felt that in Homerton very little, if indeed anything, could be derived from that source. But in 1844 Joshua Watson, Esq., the brother of the late rector, sanctioned the announcement "that a warm friend of the church would be responsible for the endowment, for the half cost of a parsonage-house, and from public and private sources, for 2,500*l.* towards the building fund." Under such circumstances subscriptions were

raised, a plot of ground purchased in Homerton, and Mr. Arthur Ashpitel appointed the architect. The church contains sittings for between 600 and 700 persons, all free and unappropriated, without any gallery whatever. It is built under the Act 6 & 7 Vict. c. 37, and the district will be called the "new parish of St. Barnabas, at Homerton."

The church consists of a nave, 70 by 24; a south aisle, 65 by 17, a chancel, 24 by 19 in the clear. The tower is at the west end, and is 20 feet square, with a turret stair, and is nearly 80 feet in height from the ground line. The